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STATE PRISONERS GRANTED PAROLES

Thos. Lindsey And Belle Phillips Receive Executive Clemency—
Woman Refuses to Leave.

From Thursday's Daily.

Following a meeting of the state board of pardons which recommended the granting of numerous paroles and pardons, Governor Haskell yesterday sent to Sheriff H. E. Ridenhour, who has charge of state prisoners confined in the branch penitentiary located in this city, paroles for two prisoners confined here. They are Thomas E. Lindsey and Belle Phillips. Lindsey was convicted last November in the district court of Carter county of the crime of forgery and was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of eighteen months. His parole was granted on the statement of the prison physician that Lindsey was suffering with an incurable disease and could not long survive in confinement. He was released yesterday afternoon and left at once for his home. In Lindsey's case an unconditional pardon was asked for by Senator Harry K. Allen, backed by numerous petitioners in Carter county and was recommended by the state board of pardons, but only a parole was granted.

Belle Phillips, the other recipient of executive clemency, was convicted on the 21st day of February, 1907, in the district court of Kiowa county of manslaughter in the second degree and sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of four years. The crime for which she was convicted was the murder of another woman at Snyder, Okla. Her parole was recommended by the board of pardons on the representations of Sheriff John W. Parkham and ex-County Attorney Thomas W. Conner of Kiowa county. Upon signing the document authorizing her release from prison, Belle Phillips was told by Sheriff Ridenhour that she was at liberty to go as soon as she pleased. To the surprise of the sheriff and guards the woman refused to leave the jail, stating that she had no other home until some of her relatives or former friends came after or sent for her. She will be cared for here until otherwise disposed of. The conditions of her parole are:

First. The said Belle Phillips shall make a report to the governor every sixty days after the signing of this parole, said report to be under oath in writing, showing the whereabouts and conduct of the said Belle Phillips for the two months preceding date of said report.

Second. That the said Belle Phillips shall abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors in any form and to avoid all evil associations and improper places of amusement, to obey the laws and conduct herself in all respects as an upright citizen.

Third. A violation of any of the above conditions set forth forfeits this parole on the part of the said Belle Phillips, and renders her liable to be returned at once to the penitentiary to serve out the maximum of said sentence.

PROMINENT KANSAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

By Associated Press.

Wichita, Kans., June 17.—Robert Findley, of the firm of Robert Findley & Son, proprietors of one of the largest broom corn businesses in the west was found dead in the barn at his home here this morning. Paralysis and heart disease are believed to be the cause. He was a former state senator.

THE "TALL SYCAMORES" TO BE HERE SUNDAY.

The "Tall Sycamores," a famous bunch of hard-hitting ball players, who claim the town of Sycamore, Okla., for their home, will be here Sunday for a game with the local baseball team. The Sycamores are known all over northern and eastern Oklahoma for their prowess in wielding the willow, and also carry with them one of the best batteries of any amateur team in the state. They are said to put up an all-around excellent game of ball, and it is predicted they will give the home boys a hard fight.

NEGRO WOMAN'S FACE PROOF AGAINST BULLETS

Enid, Okla., June 17.—Crazed by jealousy when his love was spurned for another, Ed Thomas, a negro porter in a local hotel, attempted to kill his former sweetheart today, and afterward committed suicide.

About noon Thomas called at the home of the woman, who has only recently married a Kingfisher negro, drew a revolver and shot three times at her. Two of the bullets struck the woman in the side of the face and glanced off; the third landed in the wall.

Thomas ran about a mile east, placed the revolver to his temple and pulled the trigger. Five minutes later the officers found him dead.

KILLS SELF WHILE WIFE LOOKS ON

Brooding Over Family Troubles Dr.
Fred H. Harrison Ends Life by
Drinking Poison.

Enid, Okla., June 17.—As a sequel to divorce proceedings instituted some time ago, Dr. Fred H. Harrison, a well known veterinary surgeon of this county, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at his home in the country. Soon after the divorce action was taken Dr. Harrison left his home and would not return until yesterday.

Allegations of a sensational nature were made by his wife in her petition for divorce. Charges of habitual drunkenness and desertion were made and the petition stated that when remonstrated with by his wife for his heavy drinking, Dr. Harrison replied, "Do you think I would give up my whisky for you?" After the divorce case was filed the doctor is reported to have neglected his practice and brooded much over his trouble.

When he went to his home yesterday afternoon he had a small bottle of ether and a bottle of whisky and drank the contents of both in the presence of his wife. Soon afterwards he became unconscious, but his wife, thinking him only in a drunken stupor, paid no attention to his condition. Later, however, when she attempted to arouse him she found his condition so critical that a physician was summoned but arrived too late.

Dr. Harrison was one of the best known veterinary surgeons in the state and had an excellent practice in this part of Oklahoma. His friends in this city had been carefully watching his actions as they feared a tragic end would result from his continued drinking.

A. S. WYLES RE-APPOINTED ON BOARD OF REGENTS

Guthrie, Okla., June 16.—A. S. Wyles of Tahlequah, has been reappointed as a member of the board of regents for the state normal schools, vice W. W. Hastings, also of Tahlequah, resigned. Mr. Wyles was formerly president of the board, but resigned when elected to the presidency of the Tahlequah normal school, which position he resigned to accept a position as supervisor of the government Cherokee Indian schools.

TO MAKE FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS WORTH SEEING

The Fourth of July fireworks in Vinita will be worth seeing and will be pulled off in North Park. Something like \$500 will be spent for same and the matter will be under the supervision of A. L. Churchill and Chas. A. Davidson. The display will be arranged so as to represent all the towns in Craig county in some appropriate way.

LAST OF WYCKLIFF CASES ENDS IN ACQUITTAL.

From Thursday's Daily.
Sam Parks returned last night from attending court at Grove. The last of the Wyckliff cases, that of Ben Hungry, charged with complicity in the murder of Ike Gilstrap or aiding and abetting the Wyckliffs was tried and resulted in an acquittal. Hungry has been in jail three years.

GUTHRIE COMPANY BUYS THE AUDITORIUM BONDS

Oklahoma Bond and Trust Company Will Take
Entire Issue at Par---Bonds to Run 20
Years and Bear 5 Per Cent Interest
---Purchasers Will Pay All Expenses in Straightening
Legal Tangle and of
Printing Bonds

From Wednesday's Daily.

City council met last night in regular session, with all members present except Councilman Houk, who was absent from the city on business. Immediately after the opening of the session for business and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting it was announced that a representative of the Oklahoma Bond & Trust company of Guthrie, was present and wished to submit a bid from that concern for the purchase of the \$30,000 bond issue voted at a special election held early in the year for the purpose of buying the Auditorium building and converting it into a city hall. After much discussion during which the entire question was gone over and thoroughly discussed, it was decided by the mayor and councilmen to accept the terms of the Guthrie company, which are that the bond company is to take the entire issue at par, the same to draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum and run for twenty years. The bond company further agrees to pay the expenses that may be incurred in straightening out the legal tangle that has so long delayed the selling of these bonds and transfer of the Auditorium property to the city, and also bear the expense of printing and preparing the bonds. In order that every thing may appear straight and regular, it will be necessary for the mayor to call another election for the purpose of re-submitting the question to the voters of the town and it is presumed this will be done in the near future.

The regular routine of business consumed much time and it was nearing midnight when the council adjourned.

A number of improvement ordinances covering work on streets, alleys and sidewalks, were passed. City Treasurer Mahoney submitted his report, which was received and filed.

The committee appointed to have a test made of brick intended for use in paving by Overlay & Co., made its report and the brick were rejected. The test was made at Joplin and City Engineer Gooch also advised that they be rejected.

W. F. Evans was appointed city inspector of sidewalks.

The resignations of Henry Raines and Elmer Torbett from the paid fire department was accepted and Winifred Chamberlin and Charles Carmichael were appointed by the mayor to fill the vacancies.

The usual number of claims against the city's exchequer were presented and allowed.

In the matter of the proposed storm sewer for the southwest part of the city, the question was referred to the improvement committee.

BOILERMAKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Twenty-Five Rock Island Employees at
Shawnee Quite Work Over
Grievance.

Shawnee, Okla., June 17.—Claiming that demands made upon two members of the boiler makers' union in the local repair shops of the Rock Island are unjust; that the two had a right to refuse to comply, and that the foreman had no right to dismiss them, twenty-five boiler makers and thirty helpers went on strike at noon. The local union ordered the strike.

Yesterday afternoon Boilermaker Patchen was required to drive stay back bolts alone. He refused, claiming union rules required a full fledged boiler maker as assistant. He was discharged. Later Crane, a boiler maker, was dismissed under similar circumstances.

It is claimed tonight this is what is known as a "hot head" strike, and that strike orders were not received from the grand lodge.

W. J. O'Neil, foreman of the local shops, has communicated conditions to the general offices of the Rock Island at Chicago. Officials are expected here this morning. It is expected that satisfactory arbitration will be accomplished.

July 1 the shops again were to start with a full crew of 900 men.

BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT.

By Associated Press.
Viborg, Finland, June 17.—The British steamer, Northburg, has been fired upon by a Russian torpedo boat for approaching too close to Pitkipsa Bay, on the Finnish coast, where Emperor Nicholas and Emperor William are to meet today. A projectile pierced the steam pipe on the Northburg and wounded a member of the crew. The incident shows the extreme nervousness for the safety of Emperor Nicholas.

RUMBLE FROM AFRICAN JUNGLES

Ex-President Roosevelt Discusses Political Problems in Article Written For Outlook Magazine.

By Associated Press.

New York, June 17.—Discussion of political problems confronting this country through the development of power by large corporations is made by former President Roosevelt in an article in this week's Outlook. "If business is hurt by starting an exposure of crookedness and through efforts to punish crooked men," writes the ex-president, "the business must be hurt until it so adjusts itself that it is possible to prosecute wrongdoing without stampeding the business community to the defense of wrongdoers and angry assault on those who have exposed them."

HE KNEW ABOUT DUMMY PURCHASES OF TOWN LOTS

Washington, D. C., June 17.—J. Blair Shoenfelt, former union Indian agent at Muskogee and one of the principals in the Wright-Schoenfelt feud, is expected in Washington today in connection with the Muskogee town lot cases. Shoenfelt recently admitted that he knew about the dummy operations in the purchase of town lots while serving in the capacity of Indian agent.

KANSAS CROPS DAMAGED BY HIGH WATERS.

By Associated Press.
Salina, Kans., June 17.—The Smoky Hill river today stands at twenty and a half feet and the danger of a serious flood has passed. The damage to crops will amount to several thousands of dollars.

ESCAPING CONVICT SHOT BY GUARD MAY LIVE

McAlester, Okla., June 17.—Physicians at the state penitentiary think Newton Youngblood, an Oklahoma county lifer, shot through the body Monday afternoon, while trying to escape, may recover.

Youngblood and another lifer "Doc" Rhodes, from Johnston county, started to run while working on the construction of the prison walls. His commands to halt being ignored, Gang Foreman Rushing fired and a 45-calibre bullet plowed through Youngblood's body, entering the lower part of his back and going out at the lower part of his abdomen. Rhodes promptly threw up his hands and cried to the foreman not to shoot.

Youngblood was sentenced from Oklahoma City, May 4, 1907, for the murder of his uncle at Edmond. His mother lives at Chickasha. He is part Indian.

HAWAIIAN EXHIBIT ONE OF INTEREST

Royal Palace of Honolulu is Reproduced at Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

Seattle, Wash., June 17.—A beautiful part of the Hawaiian exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is found in the reproduction of the royal palace of Honolulu. The structure so well known by all visitors to the paradise of the Pacific is constructed on correct scale, and its handsome lines are made from pure white sugar. It occupies a space of 50 by 60 feet, and the various halls for parliament meetings and royal receptions are faithfully shown.

It was in this building that the once queen, Lilioukalani, was confined a prisoner in her own land, during the tempestuous days of the Hawaiian revolution. To its great hall of state, Kalakaua, king and bon vivant, was brought following his decrease in the city of San Francisco, and the royal splendors of the pre-burial ceremonies were conducted.

From the main tower the national flag of the Hawaiian monarchy was lowered for all time by the short-lived Hawaiian republic, and Mark Twain's "Toy Kingdom" became but a few pages of history. It is still the seat of government however, and its purposes are much the same as they were in the days when the name Hawaiian stood for all that was hospitable, kind and generous.

Stone walls cannot talk, but were the original walls of the building endowed with this power, they could relate the history of a land beloved by all whose lot has been, even for a short time, cast among its people within the borders of its sea girt shores. It is only one of the beautiful effects brought from our tropical possessions, to show to exposition visitors something of the many attractions of the islands.

SENATORS DISPUTE OVER TARIFF ON PAPER

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., June 17.—When the paper schedule of the tariff bill was taken up today Senators Bristow and Smoot engaged in a dispute over the proposed duty on typewriting paper, writing paper, etc., the former declaring that the committee on finances' recommendation was an increase over the Dingley law. Bristow offered an amendment decreasing the duties on this class of paper. It was lost.

ONE KILLED DURING VIOLENT WINDSTORM

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., June 17.—Reports from Purdy, Monett and Seligman are that the violent wind storm in that section last night spent most of its force five miles southwest of Monett, where the home of Andrew McCormick was demolished and McCormick killed. No other deaths are reported.

BOARDS MIX OVER NORMAL SCHOOL

Board of Normal Regents And Board of Public Affairs Wrangle Over Supervision of Buildings.

Guthrie, Okla., June 17.—A joint meeting of the state board of normal regents and the state board of public affairs today failed to bring about a settlement of the controversy between the two concerning the method to be pursued in the construction of new buildings for the various state normal schools.

The normal regents at the close of the conference announced they would stand pat on their avowed intention of adopting plans and specifications for the erection of the buildings for the Southeastern normal school at Ada and the South Central normal school at Durant. The board also will insist on exercising a joint supervision with the board of public affairs over the construction of the buildings and in accepting them from the hands of the architects and contractors when completed.

The board of public affairs on the other hand, declares it should have exclusive control of the construction of these buildings and states that while the normal regents may adopt plans and specifications and employ an architect, it will reserve the right to accept or reject the plans and to adopt the specifications of the state architect, who has been employed by the state board of public affairs.

Members of the board of normal regents declare the law establishing the new normals and making appropriations for buildings require such appropriations shall be expended under their direction. In view of that fact State Auditor M. E. Trapp has announced he will issue no vouchers that are not approved by the department out of whose funds the money is being expended, but will reserve the right to exercise at least a joint control over the construction of the buildings and the discretion of seeing that buildings suited for educational purposes are erected.

CORPORATION FORMED TO PROMOTE AFRICAN COLONY

Guthrie, Okla., June 17.—A second Liberia for American negroes in Africa, is the object of a corporation whose charter was filed at Guthrie today. The organizers propose to obtain lands from the French, British and American governments and to obtain transportation from America there of negroes who wish to return to their ancestral home.

The organization is called the Abraham Lincoln African Aid and Colonization Society, and the organizers are all from Stillwater, Oklahoma; Directors, N. B. Easton, James Springer, P. D. Mitchell, Walter S. Richards, T. J. McCarroll, Paul Friederman and J. C. Cox.

NO LAW AGAINST BETS ON HORSE RACES.

Oklahoma City, June 17.—County Attorney Reardon today handed down an opinion declaring that there is no law in Oklahoma which prohibits betting upon a horse race. Twenty bookmakers have been running under police protection at the local race meet and they had appealed to the county attorney for an opinion.

CONVICTED MURDERER ESCAPES FROM KANSAS JAIL.

Hutchinson, Kans., June 17.—Sam Kittler, convicted murderer of Mrs. Rosenberger, of Kiowa county, and awaiting a new trial, sawed his way out of jail here last night and escaped. He left a note declaring he would not be taken alive.

HEARING ON THAW INSANITY CASE SET FOR JULY 6.

By Associated Press.
White Plains, N. Y., June 17.—The hearing to determine whether Harry K. Thaw is now sane and should be released from Matteawan was today postponed until July 6.

WHEAT HARVESTING IS IN FULL SWING IN KANSAS.

By Associated Press.
Wellington, Kans., June 17.—Wheat cutting began in this county yesterday. The yield is said to be satisfactory.